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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : AIR FEED DEVICE, SIGNAL
 ACQUISITION DEVICE AND
 IMAGING DEVICE
 KAN
 Serial No.: 09/914,631 : Group Art Unit 2859
 Filed: 08/30/2001 : Examiner: Fetzner, Tiffany A.

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Sir:

On December 29, 2003 the Examiner telephoned applicant's attorney and recorded a voice mail advising that the above application was considered abandoned for failure to timely reply to the Office communication mailed April 14, 2003. The Examiner again telephoned applicant's attorney on the morning of December 30, 2003 and recorded the same advice. Applicant's attorney retrieved the voice mail later in the day of December 30, 2003.

In view of the Examiner's advice applicant's attorney inspected the application filed and concluded that it seemed improbable that the application is considered abandoned for the following reasons. Applicant's file has a timely and bona fide amendment filed June 27, 2003 (Exhibit B - 11 pages) in the USPTO in response to the Office communication mailed April 14, 2003 (Exhibit A - 10 pages). The USPTO acknowledged receipt of the June 27, 2003 amendment by a return postcard (Exhibit C - 1 page). In response to the June 27, 2003 amendment the Office advised the applicant in an Office communication dated July 15, 2003 (Exhibit D- 2 pages) that the amendment was non-compliant with the format announced in the voluntary practice of February 25,

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2003. The amendment was considered non-compliant with the voluntary revised amendment practice because a complete listing of all of the claims is not present in the amendment paper. The Office communication of July 15, 2003 was signed by Tonya Tubbs, SLIE. In a July 25, 2003 telephone conversation between applicant's attorney and Ms. Tubbs, applicant's attorney was instructed to provide by facsimile to 703-746-6819 a Supplemental Amendment complying with the voluntary practice. A complying Supplemental Amendment was sent by facsimile on July 28, 2003 (Exhibit E - 4) and a confirmation of the facsimile is attached (Exhibit F - 1 page). Hence, even if the Examiner had immediately reconsidered the amended application with a further Office communication, the fully extended term for response would have not yet expired by December 29, 2003. Applicant's attorney found no outstanding Office communication for this application after conducting an office search.

In a telephone call of December 30, 2003 applicant's attorney advised the Examiner of the above Exhibits. The Examiner advised that the Office has no record in the paper files or EDAN of the amendment filed June 27, 2003 (Exhibit B); no record of the Office communication mailed July 15, 2003 (Exhibit D); and no record of the Supplemental Amendment (Exhibit E) filed July 28, 2003.

In accordance with an understanding with the Examiner in the December 30, 2003 telephone call, a copy of Exhibits A-F is being sent by facsimile to the Centralized Deliver Facsimile telephone number and by facsimile to the Examiner's Desktop Facsimile telephone number. Including this communication of 3 pages the total pages sent by facsimile is 32 pages.

Indicated below are the telephone and facsimile numbers and email and postal addresses of applicant's attorney. These are the numbers and addresses which are recited in the file wrapper of this application beginning with the filing of the application as a US national stage under the PCT. This is the same numbers and addresses used by applicant's attorney for more than fifteen years with regard to several hundred US applications, PCT filed applications and amendments.

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The Examiner is requested to timely reconsider the application; to officially recognize that the application is not abandoned; to officially recognize that no fee or petition is required for the reconsideration of the application; to timely issue a Notice of Allowance in the application; and to ensure that the patent when allowed is entitled to an adjusted expiration term under the Patent Term Adjustment act.

Respectfully submitted,


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: Date: June 27, 2003

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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